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Docket Number (Optional)  
04132.0096.PCUS00

First named inventor: Franciscus Theodorus Cornelis GEERTS

Application No.: 09/767,496

Art Unit: 2632

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Filed: January 24, 2001

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Title: A VEHICLE FOR DETERMINING THE CLIMATE

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**

- ☐ Small entity-fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1,540.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

**2. Reply and/or fee**

- A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Request for Continued Examination (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ is enclosed herewith.

- B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_.
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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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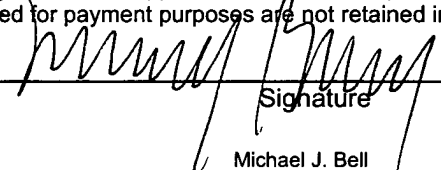
☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).], as stated in the attached Declaration in Support of Petition to Revive.

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Enclosures: ☐ Fee Payment

☐ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

☒ Other: Transmittal, Fee Transmittal, Declaration in Support of Petition to Revive (2), Petition for Extension of Time

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Franciscus, Theodorus, Cornelis GEERTS

Appl. No. 09/767,496

Filed: January 24, 2001

For: **A VEHICLE FOR DETERMINING THE  
CLIMATE**

Art Unit: 2632

Examiner: LA, ANH V

Atty. Docket: 8553/201

**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO REVIVE**

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Sir:

- 1) I, Frans J.A. de Groen, am the representative of the Assignee of the above-referenced application and have been responsible for the prosecution of the application since August 2002;
- 2) Our previous U.S. patent counsel, Mr. Penrose Albright, died late last year;
- 3) We were informed of Mr. Albright's death by letter from his son. This letter further informed us that the entire law firm would, because of Mr. Albright's death, be dissolved immediately;
- 4) Review of the patent applications being handled by Mr. Albright reveals that Mr. Albright did not respond to an outstanding Office Action issued in the above-referenced application and that this application went abandoned; and
- 5) the entire delay in filing the required reply to the Office Action from the due date for the required reply until the filing of the grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed herewith was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

F.J.A. de Groen

Dutch Patent Attorney

Date: March 3, 2008



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Franciscus Theodorus Cornelis GEERTS

Appl. No. 09/767,496

Filed: January 24, 2001

For: **A VEHICLE FOR DETERMINING THE  
CLIMATE**

Confirmation No. 2695

Art Unit: 2632

Examiner: Anh V. La

Atty. Docket: 04132.0096.PCUS00

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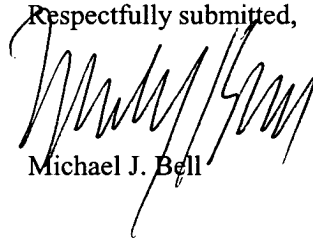
I, MICHAEL J. BELL, on information and belief state as follows:

1. I am a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Intellectual Property practice group at the law firm of Howrey LLP.
2. Mr. Penrose Albright (now deceased) previously handled and is counsel of record for the above-referenced application for assignee Lely Research Holding AG.
3. Assignee was informed of Mr. Albright's death by letter from his son in November, 2007. This letter indicated that the entire law firm would be dissolved immediately due to Mr. Albright's death.
4. After review of the matters being handled by Mr. Albright, an attorney for the assignee contacted a partner in Howrey's Amsterdam office to discuss transferring responsibility for the above-referenced application to the Washington office of Howrey LLP.
5. I was contacted on January 30, 2008 by my partner to discuss transferring the responsibility of the application and physically obtaining the files from Mr. Albright's son as soon as possible.
6. After several attempts, I made contact with Mr. Albright's son by telephone on February 4, 2008. We arranged for Howrey personnel to pick up the physical files from Mr. Albright's former office as soon as possible.
7. On February 7, 2008, personnel from Howrey's docketing department met with Mr. Albright's son at his former office and began the transfer of the physical files, including the file related to the above-referenced application.
8. I received the above-referenced application on February 8, 2008.

9. The file revealed that a Notice of Appeal to an outstanding Office Action was filed on April 23, 2003.
10. The file further indicated that a Notice of Abandonment was issued on July 13, 2004.
11. There is no record of the Notice of Abandonment being forwarded to the assignee.
12. There is, however, correspondence from the assignee dated June 5, 2003 requesting prior counsel to file a Request for Continued Examination instead of an Appeal Brief.
13. No Request for Continued Examination was filed and there is no indication in the file that prior counsel informed the assignee that he would not file a Request for Continued Examination.
14. In fact, the file contains additional correspondence dated November 24, 2005 from the assignee to prior counsel requesting the status of the application seemingly assuming the application to be in good standing.
15. On December 5, 2005, prior counsel informed assignee that he would be filing a Petition to Revive the application and would keep the assignee advised.
16. Having not heard any additional comments from prior counsel, and again assuming that prior counsel had timely filed the promised Petition, assignee inquired about the status of the application on March 8, 2007.
17. The assignee was awaiting a full update of the status when it was informed of Mr. Albright's death.
18. When the file was transferred to and received by me, I informed the assignee that no Petition to Revive had been filed. The assignee informed me that it was not their intention to allow the application to go abandoned and acting on the promises made by prior counsel (with whom they had over a thirty year relationship), they assumed that a Petition to Revive had been filed. No explanation for the status of the application was in the file in response to their inquiry of 2007.

19. The assignee requested that I file a Petition to Revive as soon as practical.
20. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Bell

Date:

3/4/08